

Appl. No. 09/720,171
Atty. Docket No. CM2128FQ
Amdt. dated 11/18/2003
Reply to Advisory Action of 11/05/2003
Customer No. 27752

REMARKS

Applicants note with appreciation the withdrawal of the prior art rejections. However, the Advisory Action maintains the rejections under 35 USC §112 because it is said that the specification is not enabling for the scope of the claims. The Advisory Action does state the specification "is enabling for a device wherein a soluble layer comprises polyvinyl alcohol...".

Applicants respectfully note previously presented Claim 19 precisely specified that the soluble layer comprises polyvinyl alcohol. This claim has been previously examined and, therefore, no further search is necessary for the limitations of Claim 19 to be further examined and allowed. Applicants have incorporated the limitations of Claim 19 into independent Claims 1 and 16.¹ Therefore, Claims 1 and 16 are believed to be commensurate with the scope of enablement set forth in the Advisory Action, and allowable over the prior art.

All matters raised by the Advisory Action are believed to be addressed by incorporating the limitations of previously examined Claim 19 into Claims 1 and 16. No new matter is added. No further search or examination by the Examiner is required. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendment and to allow all claims remaining in the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Claim 19 is canceled accordingly.